

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Title: MECHANIZED RETRACTABLE PELLICLES AND METHODS OF USE

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The sub-title on page 1, line 5 is amended as follows: Related Applications ~~Inventions~~

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 is amended as follows:

The present application ~~invention~~ is related to the following applications ~~inventions~~ which are assigned to the same assignee as the present application ~~invention~~:

Serial No. 09/840,373 [[09/____]], entitled "Hinged Pellicles and Methods of Use", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,569,582 ~~Attorney Docket No. 884,379US1~~; and

Serial No. 09/840,407 [[09/____]], entitled "Dual-Member Pellicle Assemblies and Methods of Use", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,566,018 ~~Attorney Docket No. 884,381US1~~.

The sub-title on page 1, line 15 is amended as follows: Technical Field ~~of the Invention~~

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 is amended as follows:

The inventive subject matter ~~present invention~~ relates generally to the field of semiconductors and, more particularly, to a mechanized retractable pellicle that can be retracted to uncover a photomask and to methods of use.

The sub-title on page 1, line 21 is amended as follows: Background Information ~~of the Invention~~

The sub-title on page 4, line 26 is amended as follows: Detailed Description of Embodiments of the Invention

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 28 is amended as follows:

In the following detailed description of embodiments of the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof, and in which is shown by way of illustration specific preferred embodiments in which the inventive subject matter ~~inventions~~ may

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be practiced. These embodiments are described in sufficient detail to enable those skilled in the art to practice the invention, and it is to be understood that other embodiments may be utilized and that architectural, optical, compositional, mechanical, and electrical changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the inventive subject matter present inventions. Such embodiments of the inventive subject matter may be referred to, individually and/or collectively, herein by the term "invention" merely for convenience and without intending to voluntarily limit the scope of this application to any single invention or inventive concept if more than one is in fact disclosed. The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense, and the scope of the present invention is defined only by the appended claims.

The paragraph beginning at page 8, line 20 is amended as follows:

When pellicle 50 is in the first position, the various elements making up the pellicle device, namely photomask base 32, optional photomask frame 38, pellicle frame 40 support 45, and pellicle ~~diaphragm~~ 50, together form a protective enclosure around photomask 34 to protect photomask 34 from sources of contaminants such as particles. While such elements generally form a more protective enclosure if pellicle 50 and its attendant structure are in physical contact with photomask 34 and its attendant structure, the invention does not require that such elements be in physical contact.

The paragraph beginning at page 12, line 14 is amended as follows:

Together, the various elements making up the pellicle device, namely photomask base 110, pellicle frame support 120, and pellicle ~~diaphragm~~ 130, form a protective enclosure around photomask 102 to protect photomask 102 from sources of contaminants such as particles.

Please delete the sub-title "Conclusion" at page 17, line 7.

The paragraph beginning at page 18, line 1 is amended as follows:

Although specific embodiments have been illustrated and described herein, it will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that any arrangement that is calculated to achieve the same purpose may be substituted for the specific embodiment shown. This application is

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intended to cover any adaptations or variations of the inventive subject matter ~~present invention~~.

Therefore, it is manifestly intended that embodiments of this invention be limited only by the claims and the equivalents thereof.